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SUBJ: VISIT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY TO NORWAY

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1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED SUGGESTED CHANGES IN SCHEDULE WITH FORNMIN AND PROGRAM HAS BEEN ADJUSTED TO MEET MOST OF DEPSEC'S REQUESTS. FONMIN FRYDENLUND ALSO MADE SEVERAL CHANGES IN PROGRAM ARRANGED BY HIS STAFF DURING HIS ABSENCE; IN PARTICULAR, HE WAS OPPOSED TO HAVING SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER MINISTRIES AT HIS POLITICAL MEETING WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY. HE HAD NEVER FORESEEN PURELY FORMAL BRIEFINGS AND IS PERSONALLY MORE INTERESTED IN GIVE-AND-TAKE DISCUSSION. AT THE SAME TIME HE FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY MEET WITH DEFENSE MINISTER FORSTERVOLL AND FINANCE MINISTER KELEPPE, AND RECEIVE SHORT BRIEFING ON OIL FROM INDUSTRY MINISTER ULVESETH (SINCE IT NOW APPEARS STATOIL CHAIRMAN FINN LIED WILL BE ABSENT FROM OSLO). WE PERSUADED FORMIN TODAY TO INCORPORATE MEETING WITH FOSTERVOLL INTO WORKING LUNCHEON GIVEN BY FRYDENLUND ON SEPT 8 TO WHICH HE IS INVITED. MINISTRY ALSO AGREED THAT INDUSTRY MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR GENERAL MOLLER, WHO WILL ALSO BE PRESENT AT FORMIN'S LUNCHEON, COULD GIVE BRIEFING ON OIL AT CONCLUSION OF POLITICAL TALKS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY IN PLACE OF ULVESETH (WHO IS POOR SPEAKER). WE APPRECIATE THAT SCHEDULE IS TIGHT, EVEN AFTER BEING CUT BACK, BUT HOPE IT WILL MEET WITH DEPUTY

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SECRETARY'S APPROVAL.

2. RE MEETING WITH U.S. BUSINESSMEN: WE HAD INTENDED TO PROPOSE
BRIEF BREAKFAST ON SEPT 9 BEFORE 0900 HOURS MEETING WITH FINANCE

MINISTER KLEPPE - OR LUNCHEON THAT SAME DAY. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT AMERICAN CLUB COMPOSED OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN AND NORWEGIANS REPRESENTING AMERICAN FIRMS WILL BE HAVING THEIR MONTHLY MEETING AT SCANDINAVIAN HOTEL ON SEPT 9 WHERE SPEAKER WILL BE FINN SOLLIE, DIRECTOR OF NANSEN INSTITUTE, WHO WILL DISCUSS "SVALBARD, THE NEW TURN OF EVENTS." SOLLIE IS FORMER FOREIGN MINISTRY SPECIALIST ON POLITICAL STRATEGIC ASPECTS OF THE ARCTIC AND ONE OF SHARPEST POLITICAL MINDS IN NORWAY. SINCE NEW PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN CLUB IS RETIRED FSO JOHN AUSLAND, WE ARE CONFIDENT WE COULD ARRANGE THAT GROUP OF SELECTED AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN SIT WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY DURING WHAT IS RATHER SIMPLE, FAIRLY SHORT LUNCHEON. IT IS RARE WHEN LUNCHEON AND DISCUSSION PERIOD HAVE NOT CONCLUDED BY 1:30 P.M. WE FEEL DEPUTY SECRETARY WOULD FIND SOLLIE'S PRESENTATION WORTHWHILE. EMBASSY IS HAPPY THEREFORE TO ARRANGE EITHER OF THREE ALTERNATIVES: BREAKFAST, LUNCHEON, OR AMERICAN CLUB MEETING WITH U.S. BUSINESSMEN. WE WOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS VERY SMALL, AND CONCENTRATED IN STAVANGER.

3. WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH TV AND PRESS AT EMBASSY AT 1600 ON MON., SEPT. 8. IN ORDER TO INSURE MAXIMUM IMPACT, WHICH COMES FROM TV IN NORWAY, WE HOPE DEPUTY SECRETARY WILL AGREE TO SHORT E.G., FIVE MINUTE PRESENTATION FOR TV IN EMBASSY MEDIA ROOM. THEN ADJOURN TO MEET OVER DRINKS ON NEXT FLOOR WITH SELECTED GROUP OF EDITORS, JOURNALIST PER REFTEL REQUEST. AFTENPOSTEN EDITOR VATNE WILL BE AMONG GROUP OF EDITORS. HE IS ALSO ARRANGING FOR INTERVIEW AT 11 A.M. ON TUESDAY. WE ARE SENDING TALKING POINTS BY SEPTEL TO HELSINKI.

4. BELIEVE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE SHOULD REMAIN FIRM, IF SATISFACTORY TO DEPUTY SECRETARY:

FRIDAY SEPT 5

1925 ARRIVE OLSO ON FINNAIR 797
2000 DEPART OSLO FOR BERGEN ON SK325
2045 ARRIVE BERGEN. GO TO HOTEL NORGE
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SATURDAY SEPT 6

SIGHTSEEING ALL DAY. NO FORMAL ENGAGEMENTS.

SUNDAY SEPT. 7

0730 DEPART HOTEL FOR BOAT PIER

0800 DEPART FOR FLAM ON MS FJORD PRINCESS
1350 ARRIVE FLAM
1500 DEPART FLAM FOR MYRDAHL BY TRAIN #1886
1541 ARRIVE MYRDAHL
1705 DEPART MYRDAHL FOR OSLO ON TRAIN #604
2155 ARRIVE OSLO. MET BY FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND AND

KNUT TORVAASEN, NORWEGIAN CONTROL OFFICER.
DEPUTY SECRETARY AND MRS. INGERSOLL TO THE
RESIDENCE. OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY
TO HOTEL SCANDINAVIA

MONDAY, SEPT 8

0830
0900 FOREIGN MINISTER TO PICK UP DEPUTY SECRETARY AT RESIDENCE
FOR VISIT TO PRIME MINISTER
0915 DEPART FOR PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
0930 MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI
1000 POLITICAL TALKS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, LED BY FOREIGN
MINISTER AND CONDUCTED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS
1300 WORKING LUNCHEON GIVEN BY FOREIGN MINISTRY AT MINISTRY
GUEST HOUSE AT PARKVEIEN
GUESTS INCLUDE: NORWEGIANS: MINISTERS FRYDENLUND, KLEPPE,
EVENSEN AND FOSTERVOLL, POSSIBLE MR. MOLLER FROM INDUSTRY
MINISTRY AND VIBE, ELIASSEN, BRUN, EDWARDSEN, BUCHER-
JOHANNESEN AND OSTREM FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY
1445 VISIT TO AKERS MEKANISKE VERKSTED TO SEE OIL RIG
CONSTRUCTION
1600 MEET WITH TV AND PRESS AT EMBASSY
2000 BLACK TIE DINNER AT RESIDENCE

TUESDAY, SEPT 9

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0800 ALTERNATIVE 1: BREAKFAST WITH US BUSINESSMEN
0900 MEETING WITH FINANCE MINISTER KLEEPE
1015 MEETING WITH EMBASSY STAFF
1100 INTERVIEW WITH AFTENPOSTEN
1145 AUDIENCE WITH KING OLAV (KING AGREED TO SEE MRS INGERSOLL
WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY UPON FORMIN'S REQUEST WITHOUT
CONSULTING EMBASSY. FORMIN IS APPARENTLY ANXIOUS TO ESTABLISH
PRECEDENT)
1300 ALTERNATIVE 2: LUNCH WITH U.S. BUSINESSMEN

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1215 ALTERNATIVE 3: AMERICAN CLUB LUNCHEON. SPEAKER FINN SOLLIE
ON SVALBARD

1400 SIGHTSEEING TOUR IN OSLO (STOP TO REVIEW PAINTINGS SEEN
EARLIER BY MRS. INGERSOLL).

2000 DINNER HOSTED EITHER BY PRIME MINISTER OR FOREIGN
MINISTER AT BYGDOY FOLK MUSEUM

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 10

0845 DEPARTURE RESIDENCE FOR OSLO AIRPORT FORNEBU
0930 (ARRIVE STOCKHOLM AT 1025)

5. NORWEGIAN GUESTS AT AMBASSADOR'S DINNER ON SEPT 8 WILL BE AS FOL-
LOWS:

FOREIGN MINISTER AND MRS. KNUT FRYDENLUND
STORTING VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. SVENN STRAY (ALSO CHAIRMAN
OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY STORTING GROUP AND FORMER FOREIGN
MINISTER).
COMMERCE MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY AND MRS. THORVALD STOLTENBERG.
(MRS. STOLTENBERG IS ACTIVE LABOR PARTY MEMBER OF OSLO
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND SPECIALIST ON FOREIGN AID QUESTIONS).
CHAIRWOMAN, LABOR PARTY YOUTH ORGANIZATION, AUF SISSLER RONBECK
AND HUSBAND, BJORN TORE GODAL, FORMER AUF PRESIDENT, PRESENTLY
SECRETARY IN LABOR PARTY'S NATIONAL OFFICE.
CHAIRMAN OF SEAMAN'S UNION AND MRS. HRNRIK AASAROD
CURATOR OF FOLK MUSEUM AND MRS. CARSTEN HOPSTOCK

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MR. AND MRS. EINAR NAGELL-ERICHSEN, PART OWNER OF AFTENPOSTEN

6. RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ON SK325 LEAVING OSLO SEPT 5 FOR BERGEN.

RESERVATIONS AT NORGE HOTEL IN BERGEN AND BY SHIP AND RAIL FROM BERGEN TO OSLO ARE ALSO CONFIRMED.

7. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS JUST GIVEN US LIST OF TOPICS ON WHICH NORWEGIANS WOULD LIKE TO HEAR OUR VIEWS, AND ON WHICH THEY WISH TO CONVEY NORWEGIAN VIEWS OR INFORMATION. SEE SEPTEL.

8. MRS INGERSOLL'S SCHEDULE IS ALSO BEING SENT BY SEPTEL.
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